(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Commission has observed that it was not given a mandate to make recommendations or suggestions on the policies and programmes that can promote the growth of employment in the country. However, observations made by the Commission include concern on high rate of unemployment among educated youth, continuous down sizing of workers in the organised sector, expansion of economy without corresponding generation of employment, shortage of skills and increasing casualisation of work in rural and urban areas.

The Commission has reiterated the recommendations of the Task Force on Employment Opportunities and the Special Group on Targeting 10 million employment opportunities.

Rehabilitation of child labourers

2288. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has submitted to the Supreme Court a Scheme for rehabilitation of about four lakhs children employed in hazardous industries across the country;

(b) whether his Ministry has pointed out that in a survey it has been found that about four lakh children are employed in various industries;

(c) if so, whether the Planning Commission had allocated Rs. 50 crores for the purpose;

(d) if so, the latest position of the scheme; and

(e) to what extent this scheme has been implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.